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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of filing fee, please enter the following amendment in the specification and claims:

In the Specification:

Page 1, just after the title, please add the new following paragraph:

This application is an application under 35 U.S.C. Section 371 of International Application Number PCT/FR00/02704 filed on September 29, 2000.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 22, and replace them with the following new claims 23 to 52:

23. (New) A process for preparing a substituted mixed ether of benzyl/alkynyl type from a starting mixed ether of benzyl/alkynyl type comprising a hydrogen atom on a triple bond, said process comprising the steps of reacting a starting mixed ether of benzyl/alkynyl type, derived from a benzyl type alcohol and an alkynyl alcohol,

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